



# Anita Cásarez Morales

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## **Anita Cásarez Morales**

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**W**eslaco- Anita Cásarez Morales, lovingly known as "Nana," passed away on April 13, 2025, in McAllen, Texas, at the age of 64. Born on April 24, 1960, in Mercedes, Texas, Anita lived a life rooted in faith, service, and unwavering devotion to her family and community. A proud graduate of Weslaco High School, class of 1978. Anita attended Pan American University, earning a B.S. in Criminal Justice. Her education laid the foundation for a lifelong career dedicated to protecting and uplifting children. Anita worked over twenty years as a counselor for the State of Texas Child Protective Services, working tirelessly to advocate for at risk youth. Her compassion and strength left an indelible mark on countless lives throughout her years of service. Anita's commitment to others extended beyond her professional life. She was a devoted volunteer with the Special Olympics and cancer outreach programs, giving freely of her time and energy to causes close to her heart. Whether offering support to families or cheering on athletes with boundless enthusiasm, she brought warmth and sincerity to every interaction. Faith was central to Anita's life. Alongside her mother, she was an active member of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Weslaco and worshipped at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady of San Juan del Valle. Her spiritual devotion was evident in the values she lived by and lovingly instilled in her daughters. Anita was preceded in death by her father, J.A. (Tony) Cásarez. She is survived by her beloved mother, Dolores (Loli) Cásarez; her cherished daughters, Jade and Sarah; and her siblings: Mike Cásarez (Julie), Gilbert Cásarez (Cindy), Ed Cásarez (Elvia), Mary Jane de los Santos, Joe Cásarez, and Leonard (Lizeth) Cásarez. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Those who knew Anita will remember her as a woman full of contrasts that made her unforgettable- tenacious yet open-minded, tough yet tender. Her disarming smile could warm even the coldest day, and her infectious laugh had a way of filling any room with joy. She lived authentically and loved deeply. A rosary is



## Obituary

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scheduled at McCaleb Funeral Home in Weslaco on Friday, April 25 at 7:00 PM. A Mass celebrating Anita's life will be held at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Weslaco on Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 11:00 AM. May Anita's memory bring comfort to those who knew and loved her.



# Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** shared a **Video**.



August 7 at 4:23 PM



**Leroy Berrones Soto** posted:

My heart aches. Anita Casarez was one of my first CPS case workers when I entered foster care at the age of 10. Despite being removed and having tons of anxiety, loneliness, depression, etc., Anita was always good to my siblings and me. She had a kind heart and tried hard to give us comfort. Anita is one of the case workers some of my siblings still remember, and I know we will never forget her. Rest easy, Anita. I wish I had time to thank you for what you did for my family.

May 1 at 10:25 AM



**MarãA Del Rosario Oliva-O'hearn** posted:

Mi querida familia Casarez, and especially mi Loli y Mary Jane, my heart is broken at Anita's departure from us here on earth, but I share your joy in her reunion with Tony, Tuttie, my Daddy, and all our family and friends who welcomed her home to heaven. Que Diosito les de fuerzas y les conseda paz a todos, especialmente a sus hijitas. Los amo con todo corazÃ³n. Rest in peace, Anita, and may our Lord's perpetual light shine upon you! ðŸ’žðŸ’Œ’ðŸ’•Š

May 1 at 10:25 AM



**Cerjio Almaraz** posted:

My most sincere condolences to all the Casarez family. We grew up in our little barrio on Oregon street enjoying so many things together. I pray for lots of love, peace, and prayers during this most trying time.ðŸ’œâœ ĩ,ðŸ™ðŸ½

April 25 at 7:53 PM



**Bill And Kristi Carroll** posted:

Bill and Kristi Carroll has purchased Pure Peace for Anita Morales

April 25 at 2:11 PM



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MS

**Mano And James (Dxc Sydney)** posted:

Mano and James (DXC Sydney) has purchased Blossoming Heart for Anita Morales

April 22 at 3:59 PM

NA

**Nora Azoca** posted:

R.I.P. 🙏🙏🙏

April 22 at 1:28 AM

JB

**James & Sharon Bartlett** posted:

James & Sharon Bartlett has purchased Loving Embrace for Anita Morales

April 21 at 3:37 PM

DH

**Damian & Esther Hanna** posted:

Damian & Esther Hanna has purchased Eco-Friendly Memorial Trees for Anita Morales

April 20 at 4:39 PM

M7

**Mando Zapata Class Of 1978** posted:

The first memory of Anita that came to mind when I was notified of her passing was what a fast runner she was going back to our Louise Black Elementary days. Anita seemed to have a smile on her face in every memory I have of her. To her entire family I extend my most heartfelt condolences and prayers. May Anita rest comfortably in God's warm and loving embrace.

April 20 at 9:02 AM



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JA

**Jay Almaraz** posted:

It's is with a broken heart that I express my condolences to the Casarez family. I had not spoken to Anita in quite awhile. Nevertheless, growing up 2 houses down from the Casarez home, i grew up hanging around Oregon Street playing ball, riding bicycles and generally hanging around the barrio with Anita and all her brothers. I remember Anita as a joy filled and funny individual. Always laughing!!! We would always bump into each other to and from school from 1st grade to the day we graduated. I will always remember the good times we had and be thankful for the support their family offered during our times of tragedy. It's those times that bind and can never be forgotten. Rest in God's eternal embrace my life long friend.

April 19 at 2:10 PM

YF

**Your Hogan Family** posted:

Your Hogan family has purchased Treasured Memories Floor Basket - Blue for Anita Morales

April 18 at 7:36 PM

TN

**Terri Nelson** posted:

Terri Nelson has purchased Eco-Friendly Memorial Trees for Anita Morales

April 18 at 5:40 PM

RN

**Roman Nieto** posted:

Thoughts and prayers to the family of Anita Casarez Morales. She was a kind and loving person.

April 18 at 5:34 PM

ZL

**Zelma Lamas** posted:

She was a kind hearted person always smiling she was a wonderful friend! R.I.P. 🙏🙏

April 18 at 3:54 PM



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**Maricela Matamoros Alcirta** posted:

My deepest condolences to the Casarez/Morales families during this difficult time. Anita was a year under me in school. I remember when I first met her she had this big smile and was always so happy and friendly. I was so glad I got to meet her and be a part of those growing years when life was simpler. Family, Church, school and many many friends. That was us all growing up. Rest in eternal Peace my friend. God bless Mrs. Loly her mom, daughters, siblings, family and friends. 🙏

April 18 at 3:04 AM



**Gloria Garza** posted:

My deepest condolences to the Casares and Morales family. Anita was beautiful friend we all had the pleasure of growing up with. We share so many memories of playing together with all the neighborhood kids, early morning trips to wrap silverware at Louise Black Elementary, playing in sports together and just hanging out. We were all brought up with our families that truly enjoyed spending time together with all the kids around the neighborhood. Many memories were shared at church as well. I will forever cherish all those memories of growing up together. Until we meet again my dear friend. May you Rest In Peace in God's loving arms and may the perpetual light always shine upon you! 🙏

April 17 at 8:07 AM



**Janet Martin** posted:

Sending my deepest thoughts, hugs, and prayers to Anita's family during this incredibly difficult time. Anita was more than just a classmate she was a dear friend, a teammate, and someone I had the joy of growing up with through school and church. Her kindness, warmth, and beautiful soul touched everyone who knew her. Our basketball team was like family, and Anita brought so much heart to it on and off the court. I will always hold close the memories we created together the laughter, the support, and the shared moments that made high school so special. I'm forever grateful for the time we shared and the friendship we built. Rest peacefully, Anita. You were truly one of a kind, and you'll always be remembered with love and light.

April 16 at 4:40 PM



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SM

**Sophie Leal Mcgrath** posted:

Anita was my fun friend. She loved she was tall and I was short. She and I went cruising in my first car. We did our first "Donuts" together. Anita and I watch movies on tv together. She loved scary movies. I remember her taking me every once in a while to wrap silverware at the school cafeteria so I could have free lunch. We shared an apartment our first year at Pan American. We lost touch but just last week I was sharing our experiences with one of my own kids. Love you my friend. We WILL see each other again.

April 16 at 11:08 AM

BP

**Blanca Casas Palomares** posted:

My condolences to the Casarez and Morales families on the passing of Anita. Thanks for being a great "barrio" friend. Gloria, Nancy, Sophia, you and myself friends that played in a time when we weren't scared of the dark. Our parents were the best of friends and so grateful all the memories. I still drive by on Oregon street and know that an awesome childhood was enjoyed there. May the Lord's perpetual light shine upon you Anita. Rest in peace my friend 🙏💙 - Blanca

April 16 at 12:11 AM

S1

**Sammy Herrera Class Of 1978** posted:

Anita was a good person and good friend during our school years. Sad to lose a great person but as the saying goes "she's in a better place".God Bless her and her Family 🙏

April 15 at 8:39 PM

S1

**Sammy Herrera Class Of 1978** posted:

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April 15 at 4:09 PM



## Media

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